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Biographical and Organizational Note:

Elwood Haynes (1875-1925) is one of several men who claimed to be the inventor of the first American gasoline-powered automobile. He produced his first automobile in 1893. He was a teacher by trade and later became a principal. He also served on the Indiana Board of Education. Indiana University awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Law degree.

In 1896, Haynes and Edgar Apperson formed the Haynes-Apperson Automobile Company. They incorporated the company the following year. The company enjoyed greater success than many of the other small automobiles companies of the time. In 1902, Edgar Apperson left, but the name did not change until September 1905 when it became the Haynes Automobile Company. This is despite the fact that Apperson began his own company, Apperson Brothers Automobile Company, when he left in 1902. The Haynes Automobile Company went bankrupt in 1924.

Source:

Madden, W. C. Haynes-Apperson and America's First Practical Automobile: A History. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2003.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of materials created by the Haynes Automobile Company to promote and commemorate the 28th anniversary of "the first trip of America's first mechanically successful automobile" and the dedication of an historical marker to Elwood Haynes. The trip being commemorated was taken on Pumpkinvine Pike near Kokomo, Indiana.

Item Listing:

1922 July 10 Radoye, Gilbert U. to John W. Oliver, Director of Indiana Historical Commission, TLS encl.
1922 July 10 "Haynes Marker Formally Given to Future Ages," press release of Indiana Historical Commission and Hoosier State Automobile Association, 4 p. encl.
1922 July 10 "The Eyes of the World Will Turn to Kokomo on July Fourth," brochure issued by Haynes Automobile Company to promote 28th Anniversary celebration encl.
1922 July 10 "The Eyes of the World Will Turn to Kokomo on July Fourth," article on 28th Anniversary celebration

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